



Probus Club of Melbourne North Inc

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

In between the cold weather, and trying to catch-up with our various vaccinations, time seems to be getting shorter lately.

Since my last newsletter, we have farewelled two of our Probus members. Dear Val Wignall, who died on April 22, and Maurie Noonan who left us on May 1.

Listening to the life stories of both, made me realise that each one lived each day to the fullest, and enjoyed their communities. We will miss their presence at our meetings and activities. Flowers were delivered to the Wignall and Noonan families on behalf of our Probus Club.

A big welcome to our newest member, Lin Rigby. We hope that you enjoy our company and we know that you bring many experiences of life with you.

Thank you to Roz Frazer for organising the trip to the Living Legends at Greenvale on April 18. Having grown up on a farm I loved being able to pat the horses and to watch their antics to get attention. Our tour guide, Geoff, made us very welcome, and made sure that our group was given "special" treatment.

On Tuesday, May 9, twenty-one members enjoyed a delicious meal at the Vietnamese restaurant, The Green Bamboo in Niddrie. Thank you Marlene Watson for organising the outing.

With the resumption of travel opening up after our long COVID lockdowns, many members are looking up itineraries, packing cases and looking forward to their long wished for vacations. Safe travel and enjoy the new experiences once again to anyone in this category.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, May 23. I hope to see many of you there at Windy Hill.

Yours in Friendship,
Marie Daffey

Speaker

Dr Roslyn Otzen, BA Hons, B Ed, PhD

Dr Otzen taught at both government and independent schools. She was principal at Korowa Anglican Girls' School from 1991 to 2003. She was the inaugural President of the Alumni Council of the University of Melbourne, Deputy Chair of the Melbourne Mission board. She is the inaugural Chair of the MCM education arm, the Hester Hornbrook Academy, named for the founder of the MCM in 1854 and who opened nine schools for poor and disadvantaged children 1859-1862. In 2008 she published a biography of another founder of the MCM titled, *Dr John Singleton, Christian, doctor, philanthropist*, and is currently working on a biography of Hester Hornbrook and the ladies she recruited to work with her in setting up the key social supports for struggling people in Melbourne during the gold rush.

These women are almost entirely unknown, even to historians of the time.

The theme of her talk is **Melbourne's Extraordinary Women of the 1850-60s.**

Welfare

Bev Mason is the club's welfare contact and asks members to let her know of any members who may be unwell or have need of assistance or just a social contact call to say we are thinking of them. Her phone number is 0435 568 802.

May Birthdays



Graham Barber
Geoff Scully
Marie Daffey
Leonie Ryall
Colin Hough

Ron Barratt
Ian Sach
Pat Pirotta
Bessie Shi



The Austral Salon of Music invites Probus members to a recital by students of the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School in the Main Hall, St Peter's, East Melbourne, on 22 May, from 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm. Three girls in a clarinet/cello/piano trio will perform two trios including the Beethoven Piano Trio Op. 11 and solo items.

Cost \$20 Visitors

BYO sandwiches for lunch from 11.45 am. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided.

Collins Street trams except No 48 to Stop No 11.

For more information and map see www.australsalon.org/

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VALE



Val Wignall 26/05/1936 - 22/04/2023

Val was a member of our Probus Club for over 18 years, following her induction in November 2004.

She looked after the welfare of members for four years from 2008. Her husband Bill joined the club with her, but sadly passed away in 2014.

From 2014 until our meetings moved to Windy Hill, Val looked after our morning tea arrangements. She died peacefully in her sleep. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as people from the many community organisations she was involved in, including of course our club. Many current and former club members attended the Celebration of her Life held on May 1. Others were able to participate through live streaming. The service remains available to view at <https://tobin.5stream.com/webcast/106731&bm=1>.



Maurie Noonan 12/5/45 - 1/5/23

Maurie and Kate Noonan joined the club together in January 2016 and were warm and friendly regulars at club meetings when they weren't travelling. Maurie lived with and managed, with Kate's devoted support, Type 1 diabetes for 54 years. It was an amazing testament to his daily, often hourly, discipline. Despite this handicap, he planned their annual caravan trips to NSW and Queensland down to the last detail. He was also keen golfer at the Riverside Golf Club and was still playing when his failing health would allow. His other loves were studying the racing form, having a punt and following the Western Bulldogs. The club was well represented at Maurie's funeral service on May 10. He leaves two sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild..

Living Legends Outing

Living Legends tour

On a magnificent sunny day, 17 members toured the Living Legends at Greenvale. They were able to feed and pat some of the former champions of the turf and visited the homestead where they had a great lunch. Living Legends is Australia's only public rest home for racehorses.



Movies

To be announced via email

Next Luncheon

To be announced via email

Next meeting

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at Windy Hill

Deadline for the June Newsletter: Friday, June 16 2023